

Wednesday, August 20, 2014



Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans Rehabilitation/ Vocational Retraining Project (PDVR/VRP)

Community Response Symposium IX

Welcoming Returning Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)/ Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) Veterans

Addressing Returning Veterans Needs



Sponsored by:

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A Community of Practice



This symposium will identify best practices for providing the needs of service members returning from Operation Iraqi/Operation Enduring Freedom, other wars, conflicts, and peace time serving.

The focus is upon what works, for whom and with what specific resources and supports. Our community has committed to implementing recommendations and ideas identified at this seminar.

It's our goal to put these action steps into operation.

AGENDA

- 9:30 am-10:30 am **Pre-Symposium: "Veterans Suicide" Cambria County War Memorial, Johnstown**
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm **Registration/Networking-HGA Gymnasium**
- 12:30 pm-12:45 pm **Welcoming Remarks** – Jill Moriconi, HGA; Tom Caulfield, Veteran Comm. Initiatives
 Master of Ceremonies – Rory A. Cooper, University of Pittsburgh
- 12:45 pm-1:00 pm **Introductory Remarks** – **Congressman Keith Rothfus**
- 1:00 pm-5:00 pm **Program Presentation (s) ***

SYMPOSIUM THEME:

Veteran Employment/Underemployment/Unemployment

- Keynote Speaker Acting Undersecretary of Defense-(Ret. Gen) Jessica L. Wright
- Connecting Veterans to Services and Resources
- Veterans Service Claims
- Veterans Court - Perspective, Findings, Observations
- James E. Van Zandt (Altoona) Veterans Administration (VA) Programs
- Local Veteran Employment Programs and Services
- Disability Hiring/After War Comparisons and Resources
- How Heinz Foundation is Building Support for Veterans
- Advanced Inclusive Manufacturing Training for Veterans

Approximately 3:30 pm **BREAK**

5:00-5:50 pm Networking Opportunities

Tour of Hiram G. Andrews Center available

6:00 –7:00 PM

Post Veteran Symposium: "Sexual Trauma in the Military"

Acknowledging the Past to Forge the Future, Seminar Theater, HGA

**Agenda items subject to change*

Addressing Returning Veterans Needs

Symposium Registration Form
Laurel Highlands 9th Annual: Addressing Returning Veterans Needs Symposium

Location: Commonwealth Technical Institute
at Hiram G. Andrews Center
727 Goucher Street, Johnstown, PA 15905

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014

Fee: **No-Cost** Seminar for individuals registering on or before
August 13th. \$50.00 per individual registering after August 13th
Seating limited to 125 registrants. Display table(s) available-\$75.

Mail, Fax or Email registration form to:

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Method of Payment, if applicable

☐ Check—Make checks payable to Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc.

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